

- Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No, I Believe a medical exam or hearing test is of little value compared to a satisfaction warranty by the hearing aid supplier.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

A hearing aid specialist insisted on two aids for me. Two attempt to balance them failed so I gave up.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Please do not decide for me what exams and treatments I need for my hearing loss.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

I believe I should be allowed to purchase a hearing aid by mail if I wish.

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